

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above-identified patent application has been reviewed in light of the Examiner's Action dated August 8, 2005. The Examiner has stated that Claims 3, 5, 13, 16, 17, 19, 21 and 22 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent claim format. Accordingly, claims 1, 4-15 and 17-20 have been amended and Claims 3, 16 and 21 have been cancelled, without intending to abandon or dedicate to the public any patentable subject matter. Claim 2 was previously withdrawn. Accordingly, Claims 1, 4-15, 17-20 and 22-24 are now pending.

Claims 3-13 and 15-19 have been objected to by the Examiner since the preamble of those claims is inconsistent with the preambles of their parent claims. Accordingly, Claims 3-13 and 15-19 have been amended. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the objection related to Claims 3-13 and 15-19 be withdrawn.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 4, 6-12, 14, 15, 18, 20, 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,443,324 to Buntain in view of Japanese Patent No. 2002-26029 to Tashiro et al. and Japanese Patent Application No. JP 411049209 to Aomatsu. Independent claims 1, 14 and 20 have been amended to include a reinforcing bead positioned proximate to a hinge line or a score line. Pursuant to the Examiner's acknowledgement that Claims 3, 5, 13, 16, 17, 19, 21 and 22 are allowable if rewritten in independent claim format. Since independent Claims 1, 14 and 20 are now believed allowable, all of their dependent claims are thus believed to be allowable as well.

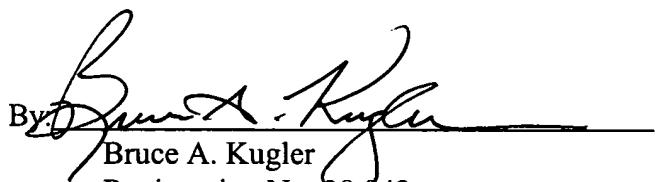
Furthermore, attached herein please find formal drawings. Please replace originally filed Figures 1-12 with the attached formal drawings.

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Based on the amended claims provided herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance and Fees Due is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If the Examiner would like to discuss the pending claims and/or arguments presented herein in greater detail, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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